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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

1. Rejections

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,138,119 to Hall et al. ("Hall"). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

2. 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-19 stand rejected as allegedly anticipated by Hall. "A claim is anticipated if and only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." MPEP 2131. The Office Action alleges that Hall describes each and every element as set forth in claims 1-19. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Specifically, Applicant's claim 1 describes a method for managing information over a networked system of computers comprising the steps of "gathering compliance data . . . ;